

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSE LUIS MENDEZ,

Defendant.

Case No.: 2:19-cr-00295-GMN-NJK

ORDER

[Docket No. 353]

Pending before the Court is Defendant Jose Luis Mendez's supplement to motion to appoint co-counsel. Docket No. 353. The Court denied Defendant's original motion on May 4, 2022. Docket No. 350. Therefore, the Court construes the instant filing as a renewed motion to appoint co-counsel.

Defendant is one of six co-defendants charged in an indictment with various mail fraud-related charges. Docket No. 1. Trial is currently set for September 26, 2022. Docket No. 325. Defendant, who is currently represented by court-appointed attorney William H. Brown, asks the Court to appoint Christopher S. Mishler as co-counsel. Docket No. 353. Defendant submits that the instant case is extremely difficult because it is extremely complex, involves a substantial amount of discovery, and requires an interpreter, and submits that co-counsel is required in the interest of justice. *Id.* at 3. *See also* Docket No. 345 at 3-4. Defendant further submits that the CJA Standing Committee has approved the request for co-counsel in the instant case, making the necessary determinations under the CJA plan, and that the CJA Resource Counsel has recommended the appointment of co-counsel. *Id.*

For good cause shown, the motion is **GRANTED**. Docket No. 353. The Court appoints Christopher S. Mishler as co-counsel for Defendant Mendez. As required by Volume 7, Ch. 2 § 230.53.20 of the Guide to Judiciary Policy, the Court finds that the appointment of co-counsel in this difficult case is necessary and in the interest of justice. Mr. Mishler will be compensated at

1 the maximum hourly rate established by the Judicial Conference of the United States, Guide to
2 Judiciary Policy, Volume 7A, § 230.16.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 DATED: May 26, 2022.

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8 NANCY J. KOPPE
9 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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